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**Subject:** Re: Fw: Do you recall....  
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Yes, I'm the right person, and yes, the RB/SB resolved that disapproval by amending the Basin Plan language. Here's our letter approving their Basin Plan revision:

I'm curious to know what prompted your inquiry. In what context has this come up?

FYI, the other two RB5 Basin Plan amendments that we disapproved in 2000 (re: tributary rule and Delta DO objectives) have not yet been resolved.

-Kathy

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OK, the finger is now pointing at you. Are you the right person to answer this question?

And the question is: Did the Regional Board (or State Board) ever respond to our May 2000 disapproval of the language in the basin plan amendment concerning how they characterized the antidegradation policy?

If so, what was their response?

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Ancient history! I think it might be RB5. If so, Kathy Goforth would be the program person.

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To Jessica Kao/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
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Subject Do you recall....

....being involved in a letter that EPA sent to the State Board/Regional Board about the basin plan amendments in 2000?

One of the issues we "disapproved" was the language discussing antidegradation. I have all that material that you gave me maybe last fall.

My question is: Did we ever get a response back from the State/Regional Board on the antidegradation issue? If you don't know off the top of your head, do you know who in the program would be in charge of that issue?

This is coming up again, and I need to know if that loop ever got closed on our earlier letter.

I'm off to a meeting with Phil Woods, but will otherwise be around today.